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MASS MEETING HERE TUESDAY.

DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY ASK FOR CERTAIN CHANGES IN COUNTY'S LAWS.

The mass meeting of Williamsburg citizens held here at the court house Tuesday in response to a call issued by the county delegation, was fairly well attended by representative men from various sections of the county. The object of the delegation in calling this meeting was to bring out an expression of the taxpayers of the county with regard to certain prevailing laws, especially those relating to the county's public school and road system, which are said to be very inadequate.

The meeting was presided over by the Hon J J M Graham, chairman, and Mr W E Nesmith, secretary. The object of the meeting was stated by the chairman and an expression of views relative to changing the system of road construction was invited.

The present system of road building in the county has been in force for some time, well tried and found wanting. There are about 1,700 miles of road in the county under the care of a road engineer. It seems impossible for him to handle the road work properly, not that he is lacking in efficiency, but due to the great amount of territory he is supposed to cover in carrying on the road work of the county. This fact was brought out at the meeting Tuesday, and as indicated by expressions of opinion on the part of members of the delegation and other citizens, it seems that the county should be either divided into four sections with a road commissioner or overseer in each of the four districts, or it should have one or three commissioners in each of the fourteen townships, who will have the responsibility of keeping the roads in their respective townships in good and permanent repair. No definite plan was evolved at the meeting, however, but a committee of citizens was appointed to confer with the delegation and devise some plan of improvement which the latter may have enacted into law at the next meeting of the General Assembly. This law when drafted will doubtless be along lines discussed at the meeting.

It seems to be the desire of taxpayers all over the county to so change the law governing the county's school system that all schools may share alike. Under the present system some school districts are able to carry on their school only for three to five months, while other districts carry theirs for seven, eight and nine months. Tuesday's discussion, however, did not reach the school question, the entire time of the meeting being devoted to the subject of public roads. It is believed, however, that the delegation will work out and endeavor to put through some measure of improvement at the next session of the General Assembly in behalf of the schools.

A colored native of Charleston died in Jacksonville, Fla, Christmas day, aged 115 years.

Death of John A. Brockinton.

The remains of Mr John Arthur Brockinton, who passed away early Monday morning at Louisburg, N C, reached Kingstree on train 89 Tuesday night and were buried here at 11 a. m. yesterday.

Mr Brockinton was a son of the late Dr John Fowler Brockinton, and his wife, Elizabeth Scott Brockinton. He was born and reared to young manhood in this community and was well known throughout the county. Some years ago he left this section and for a long time made his home in Florida. He will be remembered as a man of splendid business acumen and possessed of a pleasing personality.

For several years prior to his death the deceased had been in failing health and suffered a great deal from a cancerous affliction on his arm, which he did everything possible to alleviate or overcome, and finally the affected member was amputated, but the fangs of the dreaded disease had entered the vitals of his strong body and cropped out again, causing his condition to grow gradually worse until relieved by death Monday morning, December 27.

Mr Brockinton was about fifty-eight years of age and is survived by four sisters: Mrs D C Scott, Kingstree; Mrs Maggie Alford, Maxton, N C; Mrs C K Davis, Marion; and Miss Italene Brockinton, Kingstree, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The remains reached Kingstree Tuesday night and were taken to the home of his sister, Mrs D C Scott, where funeral services were held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev P S McChesney, after which interment was made in the Williamsburg cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs W B Logan, W E J T, W B and J A Brockinton, D C Scott, Jr, C C Burgess and W W Boddie.

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Dispensary Closed.

The Williamsburg county dispensary is a thing of the past, and has been since Dispenser DuBose passed out the last half pint of bust-head gin at one o'clock last Friday, afternoon and locked the door. There were many would-be booze purchasers who came up late for a Christmas supply and their disappointment, upon finding the place closed and every bottle of fire-water gone, was almost pitiable. Some of these hung around the door until late in the afternoon in the vain hope that it would open up again. In fact some one, through mischief, put a sign on the door reading, "Closed until 5:30."

Monday the board sold at public auction all of the office and dispensary equipment, consisting of three steel safes, typewriter, adding machine, ice box, water cooler, desk and several chairs.

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DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT STATE CAPITAL.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN THE STREET--THAT OF SUPPOSED SLAYER ON BED IN HOUSE.

Columbia, December 28.—Ada Geddings, a white woman about 30 years of age, was found lying on Sumter street early this morning by Policeman Lee with her throat cut from ear to ear. Her body was cold when found. In a rear bed room of this woman's house was found the dead body of Ed White, the night watchman at the State House, a gash in the throat showing that the severing of a jugular vein put an end to his life. The theory of the police is that White killed the woman in a fit of jealous rage and then committed suicide.

White was paroled from the State penitentiary March 5, 1913, by Governor Blease, after serving part of a life sentence for murder. He was convicted in the Richland county court March 30, 1899, of the murder of a white woman, and on a recommendation to mercy by the jury was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was about 49 years of age and in the past few months had served as night fireman at the Capitol.

The Geddings woman had White arrested by the police on a charge of disorderly conduct, and he was fined for this offense in the Recorder's court yesterday morning, which fine he paid. The woman said he had threatened her life with a pistol. It is stated that a pistol was found in the dead woman's trunk by the police today.

The woman's body was found in the street in front of her home about 3:45 o'clock this morning. The dead man was an inoffensive looking white person, and the double tragedy excited considerable interest here this morning. It took place in the 600 block of Sumter street.

White is survived by an aged mother, who is prostrated by the tragedy.

LATEST WAR SUMMARY.

Conscription in modified form is considered probable in Great Britain. Late London dispatches say that the British Cabinet has virtually decided upon a bill to this end, which will be introduced in the House of Commons next week.

The Cabinet councils in London have aroused intense interest because of the rumors of dissension among the members or their inability to agree on the question of how the British army is to be brought up to the standard deemed essential to the winning of the war. But the latest reports would seem to indicate that the ministers have found a way out of their difficulties.

The situation in the Balkans is quiescent. The French and British behind their defensive lines at Saloniki are reported in a dispatch from British headquarters to be well prepared for any attack by the Teutonic allies.

Doubt is expressed in Vienna that the Austro-Germans will attack Saloniki on the ground that so long as the Entente allies are merely held in that position they can do no harm.

Unofficial advices from Roumania say that Germany is preparing for a powerful Egyptian engagement, in which Turks, Bulgarians and Austrians will take part.

A Vienna dispatch arriving in Switzerland says the German imperial chancellor shortly will arrive in Vienna with the full conditions under which the Central Powers will accept peace and that after a conference with the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister the conditions will be made known officially to the Entente allies.

Again the Russians have vigorously assumed the offensive on the Bessarabian front of Eastern Galicia and along the Pruth River, but, according to Vienna, their attacks collapsed under the Austrian fire.

Except at Hartsmans-Weilerkopf, in the Vosges mountains, there has been no noteworthy engagement in the west. At Hartsmans-Weilerkopf some German trenches were captured by the French.

In consequence of a storm in New York, train 85 was two and one-half hours late at Lanes Monday.

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